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1. SUMMARY: FOURTH ACPR MEETING CHARACTERIZED BY LENGTHLY, ANIMATED BUT SUPERFICIAL EXCHANGE BETWEEN PAKISTANI AND AUSTRALIAN DELEGATIONS OVER ONE ASPECT TRADE COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE. USUALLY QUIESCENT THAI DELEGATION WITH SUPPORT OF PHILIPPINES REQUESTED RETENTION OF SUBCOMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND FACILITATION OF INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC. SECRETARIAT PROPOSED SEPTEMBER 26-27 FOR FIFTH ACPR MEETING. END SUMMARY.

2. KOREAN CHAIRMAN LAUNCHED SUBJECT MEETING WITH CRISP, STRAIGHT FORWARD STYLE BUT THWARTED BY PAKISTAN INTERVENTION TO DELETE FROM TRADE COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE MENTION OF QUOTE FACILITIES FOR LAND-LOCKED COUNTRIES, UNQUOTE (SEE OES/ACPR/(2)/2 REV.1, P. 6F

(3). PAKISTAN POINTED TO ECAFE SPECIAL BODY ON LAND-LOCKED COUNTRIES AS APPROPRIATE FORUM. PAKISTAN POSITION PRODUCED INORDINATELY LENGTHLY SERIES OF EXCHANGES WITH AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION. AUSTRALIAN'S PENCHANT FOR ILL CHOSEN AVUNCULAR STYLE MERELY PROLONGED AGONY TO DISMAY ECAFE PROFESSIONALS AND OTHER PRS. LAND-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TERMS OF REFERENCE WHILE ONLY OTHER LAND-LOCKED COUNTRY REPRESENTED AT SUBJECT MEETING, NEPAL, REMAINED MUTE. PHILIPPINES SUPPORTED PAKISTAN. ESSENCE OF PAKISTAN POSITION WAS TO MINIMIZE DUPLICATIVE EFFORTS WHERE POSSIBLE PER NEW MARAMIS MANAGEMENT STYLE. AUSTRALIAN POSITION FINALLY ACCEPTED TO BRACKET NETTLE-SOME PHRASE FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION WITHIN SECRETARIAT, TRADE COMMITTEE AND EVENTUALLY, UNFORTUNATELY, AT XXXI PLENARY IN NEW DELHI. OTHER COMMENTS REGARDING TERMS OF REFERENCE OF MAIN COMMITTEES ADDRESSED SYNTAX AND WORK CHOICE.

3. THAI DELEGATION UNDER PRESSURE OF FALLING TOURIST FLOW PROPOSED THAT ACPR RECOMMEND RETENTION OF SUBCOMMITTEE ON TOURISM. PHILIPPINES SUPPORTED. SECRETARIAT ATTEMPTED ALLAY ANXIETY THESE DELEGATIONS BY NOTING THAT COMMISSION RESOLUTION 143 (XXX) PERMITS TOTAL NUMBER AD HOC MEETINGS TO 15 WITH MAXIMUM 100 DAYS OF MEETINGS PER ANNUM. THOSE PARAMETERS ARE INCLUSIVE ENOUGH TO ACCOMMODATE A MEETING ON TOURISM IF THE MEMBERSHIP SO DESIRES. SO FAR ONLY 81 DAYS ARE SCHEDULED UP TO XXXI NEW DELHI PLENARY.

4. SINCE CONSENSUS PREVAILED THAT ABOLITION OF SUBCOMMITTEES WAS VERY WORTHWHILE MANAGEMENT DECISION, US POSITION PER STATE 130353 DID NOT HAVE TO BE DELIVERED. PAKISTAN CHALLENGED SECRETARIAT REGARDING THIS ISSUE IN FOLLOWING TERMS: ABOLITION OF SUBCOMMITTEES MERELY SECRETARIAT EXPEDIENCY DESIGNED TO PLACE INCREASED COORDINATING AND DECISION MAKING POWER AT CENTRAL POINT, VIZ. SECRETARIAT. PERIODICITY OF ALL ECAFE MEETINGS IS A TOOL IN HANDS OF SECRETARIAT THUS NOT REFLECTING MEMBER COUNTRIES DESIRES. ONUS FOR MAKING NEW SYSTEM WORK RESTS CLEARLY WITH SECRETARIAT. PAKISTAN DELEGATION DID NOT REPEAT NOT RAISE ISSUE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE PER REFTTEL.

5. MEETING CLOSED WITH FIFTH ACPR SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 26-27 WITH FOLLOWING TWO AGENDA ITEMS: AA) REVISED WORK PROGRAM FOR TRIENNIAL 1975/1977: OES/ACPR (3)/2, 19 JULY 1974 AND (B) GUIDELINES FOR THE CONDUCT OF ECAFE MEETINGS IN KEEPING WITH PARA 212, P. 20 OF COLOMBO FINAL REPORT: DOCUMENT E/5469.  
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